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Editorial ** There are No Bully Cops Wasatch County the

familiar videotaped scene of cops brutally beating an unarmed man with their batons was like a rock dropped into a still lake, and the ripples probably won't settle down for a long time. What's sad is that those ripples even reached into our quiet rural cove What's sad is that tour quiet, rural cove.

The cops in our county and city police departments in be accurately described as peace officers. We've them have to get tough, but we've never seen seen them have

them get mean. Our kids grin

Our kids grin and wave at cops around here, often calling them by name. More important, the kids know that if they feel threatened by anything or anyone, they can turn to a cop for protection or help.

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started wearing those same sticks used in the L.A. videotape. The object is to provide officers with more force than bare hands when they have to apprehend an unruly and possibly dangerous suspect, without having to resort to handguns. The sticks are issued to reduce the necessity for deadly force and keep injuries at a minimum.

But there probably isn't a kid in town that hasn't seen the videotape showing uniformed police officers unconscionably beating a man with their sticks as he helplessly crawled along the ground. It's not unreasonable to expect an eight-year-old to note that the officers he sees on Main St. in Heber City wear similar uniforms and carry those same sticks,

wear similar uniforms and carry those same stice and to conclude that they are capable of the satype of behavior. Chief Jim Matthews reports the exactly what some of our kids now think.

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e cop's the guy that squats down to eye level a little kid and deciphers the words that come The cop's the guy that squats down to eye level with a little kid and deciphers the words that come out between the sobs, then holds the little hand securely until mother and child can be reunited. He's the guy that a youngster getting bullied or a teenage girl being followed can stop and ask for protection. He's the one that will listen patiently while you explain why you ran a yellow light before he hands you a citation and courteously tells you to have a good day. He's also the guy that will be pretty stern and not smile much while he cites you for driving 32 mph through a 20 mph school zone, because you just endangered the lives of some little kids.

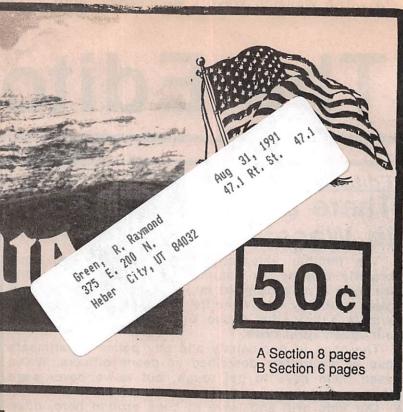
Our friendly local cops wear similar uniforms and carry the same batons as the L.A. cops who appeared to enjoy inflicting pain and injury on a human being. Most kids think about more than they talk about and some are wondering if that's standard procedure for cops. Kids don't take to mean people. They don't trust them. Even when they're scared, they'll turn for help to a kind friend rather than a perverse bully.

We urge parents to take just a minute to be sure their kids know that brutality is not standard procedure around here and that they can count on our cops to be the same friends they have always been.

A while back, a visitor from a big city saw a uniformed Heber City cop surrounded by four or five people and asked what was going on. He was astounded that the answer was "nothing." "You mean those people are just standing there, voluntarily talking to a cop?!" As the visitor stared in awe, the little group and the cop laughed at something. "Unbelievable," said the stranger, shaking his head. Incidentally, he was a school teacher, not a hood. with

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We had grown accustomed to the peace and security of our little community, and to the good cops that make it so. It took a few bad cops in L.A. and an observation from an outsider to jar us into appreciating what we were taking for granted. We should be able to take our safety for granted, but every once in a



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churches and schools and everything along there," he said.

Utah County

Utah County citizens say their children are endangered by the truck traffic along 800 North and University Ave., through Provo, because 15 schools are within five blocks of

he two streets.
"I personally have to blame them or that, because they didn't zone it properly," Coleman said.

He further pointed out that trucks coming from the canyon that are neaded for I-15 want to get there as soon as possible and don't use University Ave. He said the trucks on University Ave. are on local routes.

Commissioner LaRen Provost eminded the commissioners of a State Transportation Commission neeting during which people in alt Lake City complained about ollution and noise from trucks on he new Interstate 215, on the east

trucks through Salt Lake City would only move the truck emissions from one county with pollution problems to another with the same problems, without solving anything.

In any case, Coleman said he doesn't know how the restrictions

could be enforced. "I don't know how they can stop a truck coming through from Vernal, and let it go on to Provo, and

stop one coming from the other di-rection," he said. According to a legal opinion from the State Attorney General's office, the State can ban interstate trucks from a highway for health and safety reasons. However, the State Transportation Commission has expressed concern that the state could lose millions of dollars in federal road funds if traffic through

the canyon is restricted. Truckers are paying a lot of road

ide of the city. Since routing diesel taxes," Coleman said. eston Gravel nedul

yo years ago, and they agreed to se the clean trash to fill a slide ea. They are now covering the de-

is with topsoil.

"It was the public that caused at garbage to go in there, not the inggeli's," Mathis emphasized.

Because of growth in the county, a said some major road projects are capied that will need grayel, and anned that will need gravel, and inggeli has some of the contracts supply it. Mathis said he prefers we Binggeli operates to having e Utah Department ansportation open up its Department of avel pits, like in Daniels Canyon d in the Jordanelle area. The unty has no jurisdiction over the ate's pits and they have been

material will be changed, and the processing plant and haul road will

remain where they are. Dust control has apparently been successful, since Binggeli said there have been no complaints, and he can see no reason for it to become a problem. He said the State Air Quality Control Administration regularly inspects the operation and will shut down the business if it doesn't comply with the administration's guidelines and

limits. Binggeli said if the rezoning isn't approved, "there isn't going to be a thing changed down there. We're going to still do 150,000 tons a